

## MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP

**SUBJECT:** Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

**WEEK OF:** July 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

**PROGRAM UPDATES:** We are now providing wolf reports on a monthly basis.  
The new monthly reports will be posted by the second week of each month.

Senate Bill 200 (SB 200), passed during the 2013 legislative session, allows a landowner to take wolves on private land (without a license) that represent potential threats to livestock, domestic dogs, or humans.

### \*\*\*NEW WEEKLY ENTRIES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN LIGHT BLUE

**Montana Annual Wolf Report can be found on the FWP website:**

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program, and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit the FWP website.

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609 or by visiting their website:

<http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcp.x>

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS – 2016			NEW ENTRIES FOR 07/31/16 REPORT															Land Type	Control Action Authorized by Wildlife Services
Date*	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type, #, and Outcome																
			Injured livestock (i), Probable kills (p), Confirmed kills (c)																
			Cattle			Sheep			Goat/ Llama			Horse			Dog				
			i	p	c	i	p	c	i	p	c	i	p	c	i	c	p		
1/25/2016	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown													1			Private	Lethal removal
1/25/2016	Fiddler Creek (Stillwater)	Rosebud			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/6/2016	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves - Action complete
3/14/2016	Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/17/2016	Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/25/2016	Carbon	Rosebud			2													Private	Lethal removal
3/28/2016	Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/30/2016	Wisdon (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
3/30/2016	Wise River (Deer Lodge)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
4/4 - 4/11/2016	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain		5														Private	Lethal removal
4/7/2016	Dupuyer (Pondera)	Bennie			1													Private	Lethal removal
4/13/2016	Rogers Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mountain			1													Private	Lethal removal
4/25/2016	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain			1													Private	Lethal removal
4/7/2016	Ravalli	One Horse			1													Private	Lethal removal
4/8/2016	Ravalli	One Horse			2													Private	Lethal removal
4/28/2016	Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/1/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/14/2016	W of Red Lodge (Carbon)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/15/2016	W of Red Lodge (Carbon)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal

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5/18/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1															Private	Attempt to collar
5/18/2016	Carbon	Unknown		1														Private	Lethal removal
5/19/2016	Ravalli	One Horse	1		2													Private	Lethal removal
5/24/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
5/25/2016	Carbon	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/6/2016	Carbon	Unknown		1														Private	Lethal removal
6/24/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/25/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown			1													Private	Lethal removal
6/27/2016	E of Harrison (Madison)	Unknown		1														Private	
6/30/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1															Private	Attempt to collar and release
2016 Running Total*			3	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		

\*There is often a lag time between activities and reporting due to ongoing investigations. Running tallies are estimates based on known data at the time of 'wolf weekly' publication and may not match final annual report numbers.

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES – 2016			NEW ENTRIES FOR 07/31/16 REPORT							
Date *	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring			Lethal Removal		Other Mortalities (by cause)	Control Action Ongoing/ Completed	Comments
			FWP	WS	Other - Tribal/ Incidental	WS	Landowner			
1/16/2016	(Park)	Slip Slide	2							
1/17/2016	(Sweetgrass)	Baker	2							
1/22/2016	(Carbon)	Rosebud	1							
1/31/2016	WF Bitterroot (Ravalli)	Overwhich	1							
2/1/2016	Fish Creek (Mineral)	Cache Creek	1							
2/2/2016	Fiddler Creek (Stillwater)	Rosebud				1				
2/4/2016	Thompson River (Sanders)	Lost Dog	1							
2/5/2016	Spanish Creek (Gallatin)	Beartrap						1		Roadkill
2/5/2016	Flint Range (Granite)	Flint Creek	1							
2/5/2016	Gold Creek (Missoula)	Belmont	1							
2/5/2016	Fisher River (Lincoln)	Satire	2							
2/12/2016	(Carbon)	Rosebud				1				
2/25/2016	(Park)	Unknown						1		Capture myopathy
2/25/2016		Cinnabar	1							
2/25/2016		965M group	1							
2/26/2016	Flesher Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Flesher	2							

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3/1/2016	Wolf Creek (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown/Lone (NWMT)						1		Roadkill
3/19/2016	Blackleaf Creek (Teton)	Teton					1			SB 200 take
3/19/2016	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile				3				
3/22/2016	W of Bozeman (Gallatin)	Beartrap					1			SB 200 take
3/23/2016	Nye (Stillwater)	Junction Butte					1			SB 200 take
3/30/2016	Carbon	Rosebud				2			Ongoing	
4/6/2016	Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown				2			Completed	
4/7/2016	W of Dupuyer (Pondera)	Bennie							Ongoing	
4/8/2016	Carbon	Rosebud				2			Completed	
4/26/2016	Lewis & Clark	Blowout Mountain		1					Ongoing	
5/3/2016	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1			Completed	

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5/14/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain		1					Ongoing	
5/15/2016	Rogers Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mountain		1						
5/26/2016	W of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain				1			ongoing	
5/28/2016	North Fork Sun River (Lewis & Clark)	Redshale	1						ongoing	
6/11/2016	E of Augusta (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mountain				1			Completed	
6/17/2016	N of Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Stonewall Mtn		1						
6/19/2016	Ravalli	Divide	1							
6/25/2016	Ravalli	Tepee	1							
6/26/2016	Butte (Silverbow)	Unknown						1		Roadkill
6/28/2016	Ravalli	Trapper Peak	1							

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6/29/2016	W of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown				1			Ongoing	
7/19/2016	Powell	Arrastra Cr.	1							
7/30/2016	Powell	Seeley	1							
2016 Running Total*			22	4	0	16	3	4		
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**Number of cattle and sheep killed by wolves and number of wolves removed through agency control and take by private citizens, 2000-2015.**

